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James W. "Jim" Murry
Commissioner of Political Practices
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RE: Christian Lefer

Dear Commissioner Murry:

We write to demand release of stolen documents to our client, Christian Lefer. It appears you have in your possession several boxes of documents that were allegedly found in a "meth house" in Colorado ("the Colorado Documents") by a convicted felon, who allegedly decided to turn them over to you. The Colorado documents consist of files on 23 conservative candidates in state races in Montana, and include, without limitation, candidate surveys and mailers that said they were paid for by campaigns, and fliers and bank records from outside spending groups.

The means by which you came into possession of the Colorado Documents is otherwise unknown at this time. Originally, however, they were stolen from Lefer's automobile in Denver Colorado. On June 18, 2010, Lefer's agent was transporting the Colorado Documents to Lefer's attorneys, to be reviewed, scanned, and archived in Colorado. Allison LeFer, Mr. Lefer's spouse, drove at that time from Montana separately with other goods and a car full of children. She met with the Lefer agent at a Homeschool Family Conference by CHEC event adjacent to the Denver Merchandise Mart, at 451 East 58th Avenue, Denver, Colorado (CO) 80216.

The car containing the Colorado Documents was stolen from the parking lot of the Merchandise Mart that evening. The car was recovered, minus all contents valuables (ski rack, stereo, etc.) 10 days later, with a "shaved key" laying on the floor. According to law enforcement, shaved keys are apparently used often by car thieves, and are made from old car keys, ground into different key patterns that trick door locks and ignitions. No further details were given to Lefer by local police. This was the last Lefer heard of these documents until Lefer was recently contacted about them by reporters.

The Colorado documents therefore consist of stolen property, and are evidence regarding the criminal investigation of the car theft in Colorado.

Nevertheless, you recently gave news media access to the Colorado Documents. Stories about them appeared on this morning in two different news outlets, the Public Broadcasting System's website for its news magazine, Frontline, and at www.propublia.org.

If the documents are released to the news media or the public, their content will cause irreparable harm Lefer's business in that proprietary information about the workings of his business will be revealed. In addition, Lefer's fundraising credibility will be irreparably harmed, as his donors expect privacy when their gifts are not subject to disclosure pursuant to law.

The Colorado Documents also contain sensitive proprietary information about Lefer's relationships and strategies which, if published, would damage Lefer's clients as well third parties prospects, whose names and personal information were collected and included on purely a prospective client basis. Many of those prospects, for example, have never been contacted and/or have never become engaged with any organizations.

Lefer is at this time driving from his home in Livingston to your offices in Helena. On his behalf, we demand you to deliver the Colorado documents to him when he arrives at your offices this afternoon.

Upon receipt, please acknowledge this email communication. I will telephone to you shortly to ensure you have received this message. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
SULLIVAN, TABARACCI & RHOADES, P.C.

/s/
Quentin M. Rhoades

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